

HUDSONVILLE CITY COMMISSION
City Commission Minutes

October 22, 2019

Mayor Northrup called a Work Session of the Hudsonville City Commission to order on Tuesday, October 22, 2019 at 6:30 PM.

Present: Mayor Northrup, Commissioners Brandsen, Bolhuis (6:35pm), Holtrop, Leerar, Raterink, Steigenga, City Manager Waterman, Finance Director Syswerda, Planning/Zoning Director Strikwerda and City Clerk VanSlyke.

9287. Presentation on the PILOT/MSA Concept.

City Manager Waterman introduced Lori Pung and Trevor Petroelje who presented on affordable housing and the PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) program. Pung and Petroelje introduced the Copper Rock project, a multi-family, high density apartment complex with a mix of low income and market priced apartments interested in being built in Hudsonville. For this project to remain feasible the developer wants to obtain a PILOT for the project. Pung stated that a PILOT would require that the City Commission pass an ordinance that would provide an alternative form of real estate tax payment for certain qualified projects and in most cases would require a development agreement between the city and the developer. Pung reviewed the PILOT calculations and the taxing authorities that would be effected by the PILOT. Petroelje showed the commission some preliminary drawings of the proposed location of the complex and discussed possible entry and exit points. Waterman will contact Hudsonville Public Schools to discuss the project and the tax implications with them. The City Commission will reconvene at a November work session to discuss the pros and cons of the PILOT and if this is a program that they want to adopt.

9288. Proposed Weeds Ordinance Amendment.

Waterman reviewed the attached proposed Weeds Ordinance Amendment. Included in the ordinance amendment are changes to the allowable length of grass from 8" to 6" and states that it's the resident's responsibility to edge the curb and sidewalks on their property. There were some safety concerns over edging busy streets. The commission discussed the possibly of contracting with a lawn care company to provide these services to residents, at their request and expense. This item was included in the Strategic Plan and will be brought before the City Commission at the next regular meeting.

9289. Board and Committee Member Salary Survey.

Mayor Northrup reviewed the board and committee salary survey that was provided. Since the city's pay structure and amounts were similar to other neighboring communities, the consensus was to not make any changes at this time.

9290. Other Items.

Waterman provided an update on the status of some local businesses in the city and on the Village Green project.

ADJOURNMENT

9291. Motion by Holtrop, seconded by Leerar, to adjourn the work session at 8:45 p.m.

Yea 7, Nay 0, motion carried.

Diana VanSlyke
Hudsonville City Clerk

Mayor Northrup